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SOURCE:

1. From September 1951 to January 1952 source observed irregular and light air activity southeast of Kiev. The aircraft observed were sweptback midwing monoplanes fitted with a large rudder assembly and an elevator assembly set rather high. On some days, 40 to 50 take-offs were participated in by 10 to 15 planes. Up to 12 planes were observed aloft at the same time. Dives and steep climbs were observed, in addition to formation flying in single-file and line-abreast formations. Source heard reports of aircraft armament but did not see any airborne targets. Occasionally, the sound of jet planes aloft was heard in foggy weather, with a low ceiling, and at night.<sup>1</sup>
2. From 29 July 1952 through 2 January 1953, source observed day and night flying by swept-back jet fighters, fitted with a single rudder assembly, southeast of Kiev-Darnitsa. Source believes that the planes involved came from Borispol (N 50-22, E 30-55) airfield. Flights were usually made at altitudes of from 500 to 1,000 meters, but occasionally steep curves were flown at great altitudes, and low-level flights were also practiced. Formation flying was done mostly in a line-abreast formation of four planes, with intervals of several wingspans between the individual aircraft. Generally, no more than two of these formations were seen aloft simultaneously, but source once saw six groups of four planes flying in line-abreast formation, the distance between the individual groups of four being several hundred meters. When planes flew at great altitudes, the report of aircraft weapons was heard. The sound of jet planes aloft was

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also heard at night. No multi-engine jet craft or four-engine propeller craft were seen. Source occasionally observed individual twin-engine conventional planes and small formations of single-engine propeller planes.<sup>1</sup>

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3. Single-engine propeller craft were observed taking off and landing north-east of Kiev-Darnitsa. Swept-back jet planes, which were occasionally observed, were apparently not stationed at this airfield.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Comment. The airfield southeast of Kiev-Darnitsa is Borispol airfield, the occupation of which by MIG-15s is confirmed by this report.

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2. Comment. This information refers to Brovary airfield.

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